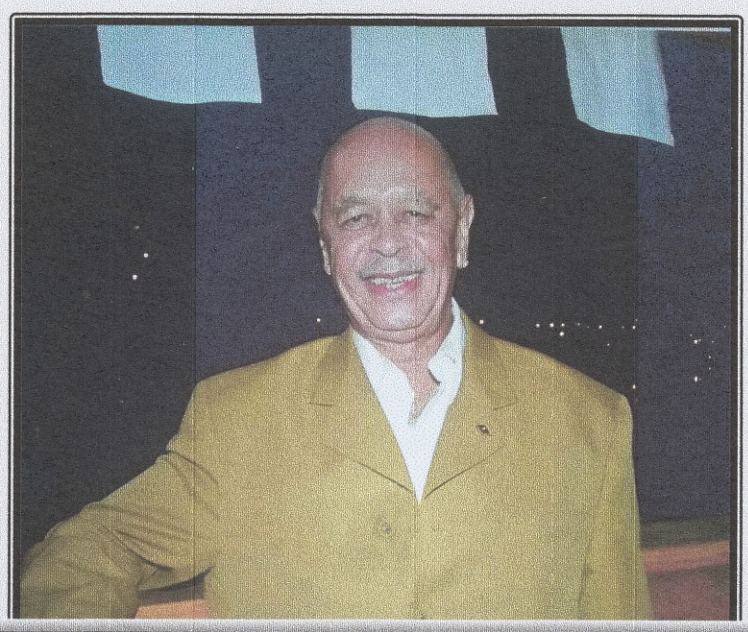
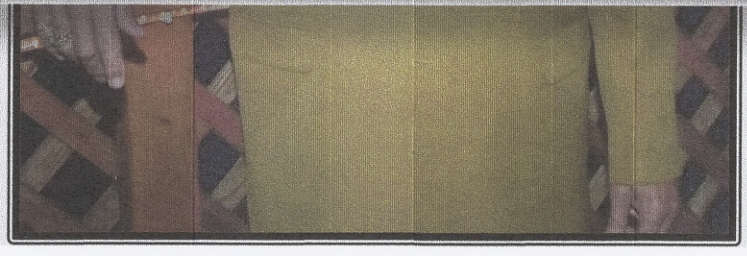
CELEBRATION OF LIFE



LEROY COLEMAN



March 22, 1937 – August 24, 2018

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEROY COLEMAN

Leroy Coleman was born on March 22, 1937 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to parents Robert Coleman, Sr. and Beatrice Brown. After his mother died at child birth, Leroy was raised by his aunts, primarily his great aunt and uncle, better known as Mama and Daddy Black. They relocated from Baton Rouge to Vallejo, California, where he was raised.

While in Vallejo, Leroy met and eventually married Edna Dickson (Smith). In his late teens, Leroy served in the Air Force and was trained to work on air craft. He was stationed in the Philippines for almost five years. After returning home, Leroy and Edna lived in Berkeley where they raised their family. Their 23 years together saw the birth of their only child, Sunshine Michelle Coleman, and only grandchild, Freddie Lambright, III.

Leroy later married Joan Arnold (deceased). Subsequently, he married Renè Coutier. At the time of his passing, he was married to Marie Bryant Coleman who preceded him in January 2018. They lived in Sacramento, California.

Leroy worked as a maintenance technician at the U.C. Berkeley Lawrence Radiation Laboratory for many years, as well as at the Alameda County Naval Base where he retired. He also worked as a realtor for a while. Leroy was very handy with his hands and created many household crafts, such as furniture, patio decks, and other items.

Leroy was an avid Raider fan. He was known for his dedication to the team, no matter where they were and how well they were playing, and his variety of Raider gear. He was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed all types of sporting events. At one point in his retirement he worked at the Oakland Coliseum as a part of this enjoyment of sports and entertainment.

Leroy is survived by his child Sunshine Michelle Coleman; step-sons Charlton Coates and Joseph Bryant; grandchild Freddie Lambright, III; step-grandsons Charlton, Jr., Deitore, and Jalen Coates; brothers Robert, Jr. (Karen), Gregory, and Levi Coleman; deceased sister Gloria King (Eddie); immediate nieces and nephews Karen King Tate, Kyle Nash, Dennis King (Vanessa), Saeed Coleman, DeAundra, Chanel Reid, LaQuinta McFerguson; as well as other nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Leroy was a caring and loving man and he will be greatly missed.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

Welcome……..Rev. Sunshine Michelle Coleman

Opening Prayer……...……..Ron Marshall, RScP

Scripture Reading…….. Freddie Lambright, III (grandson)

Wind Beneath My Wings, Bette Middler

Honoring the Life of Leroy Coleman……..Kyle Nash (nephew)

Brief Remarks…… Family and Friends

Take Five, Dave Brubeck

A Daughter's Remembrance….. Rev. Sunshine Michelle Coleman

Acknowledgements

Closing Prayer

RECESSIONAL

Hosted lunch immediately following the service

Skates by the Bay

100 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710





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